



In spring a young man's fancy turns to . . . studying physics on the Great Court? Many classes took advantage of recent mild weather.

Photo by Tom Jahns

## MIT may resist Pa. law

MIT may support a court suit challenging a recent Pennsylvania law requiring schools to report the names of any students from that state found guilty of disruption.

In a meeting with Pennsylvania students Wednesday morning, President Johnson announced he was opposed to the law because he considered it a breach of privacy and an attempt by an external agency to regulate internal affairs of a private educational institution.

The final decision, however, was not made as of press time. Johnson said he would report to the MIT Corporation the result of a vote taken late in the meeting. The approximately one hundred Pennsylvania students there voted overwhelmingly to ask MIT not to sign the compliance agreement, though some students did ask that the agreement be signed.

MIT students could lose up to \$110,000 a year if MIT refuses to sign, and is thereby stricken from the list of schools approved for Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency grants. Given the financial pinch loan and scholarship plans are subjected to at present, it is unlikely that MIT would be able to make up the full sum of the lost aid.

Students found fault with the bill for a variety of reasons, among them breach of privacy, limitation of academic freedom, suppression of dissent, meddling in the affairs of the Institute, and the setting of a dangerous precedent. (This last refers to a

bill in Congress, presently bottled up in committee, whose provisions are even more restrictive.) It was also pointed out that the Pennsylvania bill requires information on all that state's students, whether or not it is giving them aid.

### Nine refuse

So far, nine of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation, including Harvard, Radcliffe, Swarthmore, Stanford, Bryn Mawr, and Haverford, have refused to sign the annual compliance agreement.

Haverford, Swarthmore, and Bryn Mawr have initiated a suit  
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## Chomsky, Luria rap War

By John Jurewicz

Nobel Laureate Professor Salvador Luria, speaking at a meeting yesterday in front of the Student Center, called for and led an impromptu march to the State House to ask Governor Sargent to enforce the Shea Bill in light of increased U.S. intervention in Cambodia.

Highlighting the noon rally, Professor Noam Chomsky called official explanations of the invasion "a rather transparent fabrication" and proceeded to analyze the present situation in light of his recent Southeast Asia tour and the political background of the area. Chomsky cited the March 18 coup as the real reason for American entry into the conflict, saying that the present Cambodian government has demonstrated its bankruptcy by the massacres of Vietnamese,

who greatly outnumber the Cambodians. He predicted that U.S. action in the future will probably follow the pattern set in Vietnam and Laos, either literally driving the people underground or totally destroying social life.

Luria, the next speaker, firmly asserted, "Nothing is going to change U.S. imperialist policy in Southeast Asia unless the people make it change." He suggested a first step could be a march to the State House to ask Governor Sargent to "take action in the spirit and letter of the law" by reminding Washington that the Shea Bill prohibits sending Massachusetts servicemen to undeclared foreign wars.

Peter Camejo of SMC concluded the rally with an impassioned speech urging the people to wake up to the "clearly un-

constitutional" methods used by the government to achieve its ends. Maintaining that illusions, not direct repression, are the tactics used most effectively in keeping the public quiet, he illustrated his point by calling Nixon's recent television announcement of increased troop withdrawals from Vietnam a device to create an image of concern in the press.

Actually, he claimed, the orders necessary to move U.S. troops into Cambodia had to have been made at least three weeks ago, before Nixon's speech, in order to make the last few days' military actions possible. This hypocrisy, Camejo charged, is a ploy to keep down the outcry that would result if the people were aware of the true situation. He added that the hypocrisy can be stopped once the 200 million realize that it's their country. "The last thing they want you to know is how much power you've got."

The rally then marched through the main hall of MIT and across the Longfellow Bridge to the State House, chanting, "Shea yes, Nixon no, this fucking war has got to go!" Filling the steps, they waited as Professors Luria and Stephan  
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## 'Free School' planners hope for Sept. opening

Envisioning "an alternative to the public high schools," volunteers at MIT and elsewhere are grappling with problems of funding and certification of a "Free School" they hope to set up in Cambridge by September.

The example of an unconventional school established this year in Santa Barbara, California, motivated a group at MIT to learn what kind of program would interest a cross-section of Cambridge students, according to Melinda Bird '70.

### Certification needed

Although the "Free School" hopes to receive seed money from MIT for the project, current planning involves the assumption that funds will not be forthcoming.

Since the institution would be an alternative to the regular, public school system for those students wishing to attend, the group would require certification from the Commonwealth. In complying with such a framework, the school would attempt to "offer all the things a regular high school does, and more."

Some of the ideas to be in-

corporated are more student-student interaction, a trial of a more liberal grading scheme such as pass-pass or pass-fail, and a blurring of the distinctions of year-by-year groupings.

A prime goal of the experiment is to achieve better motivation among students — it is hoped that the use of volunteer teachers, dedicated to their fields, will generate enthusiasm.

Low-key publicity among Cambridge students is being carried on through the high school programs at MIT and by means of leafletting in neighborhoods of the local schools. One objective is to "keep the school as racially and economically balanced as possible."

### College admissions

Several high school students attending a meeting of the group Wednesday night expressed concern over the attitudes that college admissions officials may take toward unconventional high schools. An attempt will be made in the near future to secure statements from local universities, including Harvard and MIT, of admissions policies.



President Howard Johnson met with Pennsylvania students Wednesday to discuss the controversial law regulating state aid funds.

## CJAC still pursuing GM proxy questions

By Alex Makowski

The Corporation Joint Advisory Committee continued gathering evidence on the GM proxy issues yesterday afternoon. CJAC will probably make its recommendations to the Corporation some time next week.

Yesterday's session began with addresses from members of the MIT community, followed by discussion among CJAC members and the two dozen people who came to Kresge's Little Theatre for the meeting.

MIT alumnus Glenn Strahle spoke first, urging that any criticism MIT may have of the GM

management be expressed through letters, not stock votes. Strahle lauded the company's record in urban transit, pollution control, and minority hiring.

Though describing as reasonable the Project for Corporate Responsibility target of 400 non-white dealerships, he lashed out at the other PCR proposals. GM must retain its viability, he insisted, and pointed to the Long Island Railroad, the Post Office, and the Department of Defense as examples of industries crippled by managers supposedly responsible to the public.

Steve Carhart, speaking next, made "What's good for the country is good for General Motors" the theme for his address. GM, he argued, stands to make long-term gains by accepting the PCR proposals.

He echoed a charge leveled earlier by both CJAC and PCR members—that GM would only put out enough effort to meet "the letter of the law," and no more. When California cracked down on pollution, Carhart argued, GM designed new equipment, but was laggard in installing their innovations in cars bound for the other 49 states. "It's ironic," he continued, "that their response to the pressure for safer cars was to put a tail on Ralph Nader."

And Carhart suggested he was "disinclined to trust the management of General Motors," not because they may be deceitful, but because, like any bureaucracy, they need constant prodding.

## Judge frees Krasner on motion for dismissal

Stephen Krasner '71 has been freed of charges stemming from the occupation of Corporation offices last January.

Krasner had been indicted for possession of a burglarious implement — specifically, the battering ram used to gain entrance to the offices. A defense motion to drop the charges was granted by Judge Cornelius J. Moynihan of Middlesex County Superior Court.

Defense attorney Norman Kilkind had moved for dismissal on the grounds that there was no way of showing Krasner had any intent to commit a robbery, and that the indictment did not indicate any intent to commit a robbery. Judge Moynihan concurred, ruling that the indictment did not set out the crime,

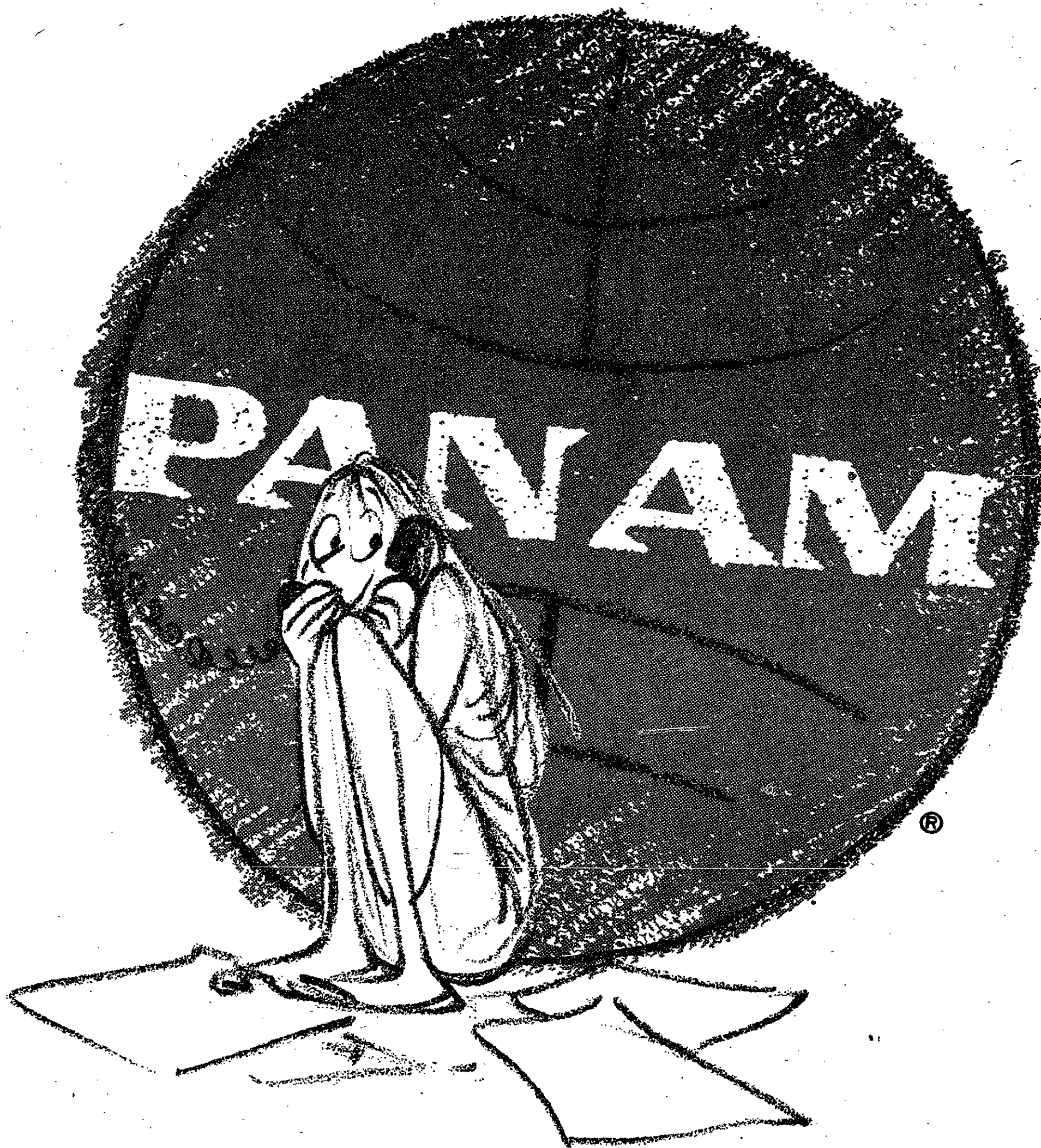
burglary, and as such there was no way of showing that the ram was a burglarious instrument.

### Discipline hearings

In other action related to the office occupation, 11 MIT students will begin their hearings before the Faculty Discipline Committee on May 6. Present plans, according to one of the defendants, call for five separate hearings.

These will be the first such cases conducted under the Committee's new procedures. Preliminary charges were made against the students, who were given a week to prepare a rebuttal. After considering the students' responses, the discipline group agreed there was enough evidence to warrant full hearings.

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\* There will be a meeting of the General Assembly on Tuesday, May 5 at 8:00 pm in the Sala.

\* Summer session registration material must be returned to the Registrar's Office, Room E19-335, (or the Information Office, Room 7-111) before 5:00 pm Friday, May 15.

\* Preliminary information from the Institute of International Education on grants for foreign graduate study and research in 1971-72 is available in the office of the Foreign Study Advisor, Dean H.L. Hazen, Room 1-207. This information indicates numbers of grants by countries and fields, including Fulbright and foreign source grants. Further information will be available about 1 September. Deadline for applications will be 15 December 1970.

\* There will be a meeting of the Fraternity Radical Caucus on Sunday, May 3 at 7:00 pm at Sigma Phi Epsilon, 518 Beacon St.

\* Anybody wishing to place news items in a newsletter to be published for the Undergraduate Association should get in contact with Mike Salamon at dt0375 or x2888. Items should be relevant to politics at MIT.

\* Black Panther Trial protest activities in New Haven, Connecticut will be the subject of special programming this weekend on WTBS. Friday and Saturday May first and second starting at 4 pm, regular programs will be pre-empted to bring Boston radio listeners live broadcast of rallies to be held on the New Haven Green in support of 9 members of the Black Panther Party currently on trial there. Featured speakers will include the Chicago Seven conspiracy defendants, Thomas Hayden, French playwright Jean Genet, Reverend Ralph Abernathy and members of the New Haven Panther Defense Committee. Organizers of the weekend's activities have pledged themselves to non-violent protest.

\* There will be a meeting to schedule Mixers for the fall semester - 1970-71, in room 473 of the Student Center on Friday, May 8th at 3 pm. If you wish to hold a mixer, please send a representative to this meeting. Have applications handed into Student Center Office W20-345 by May 7th.

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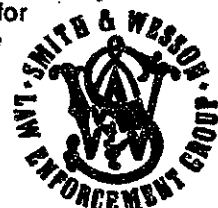
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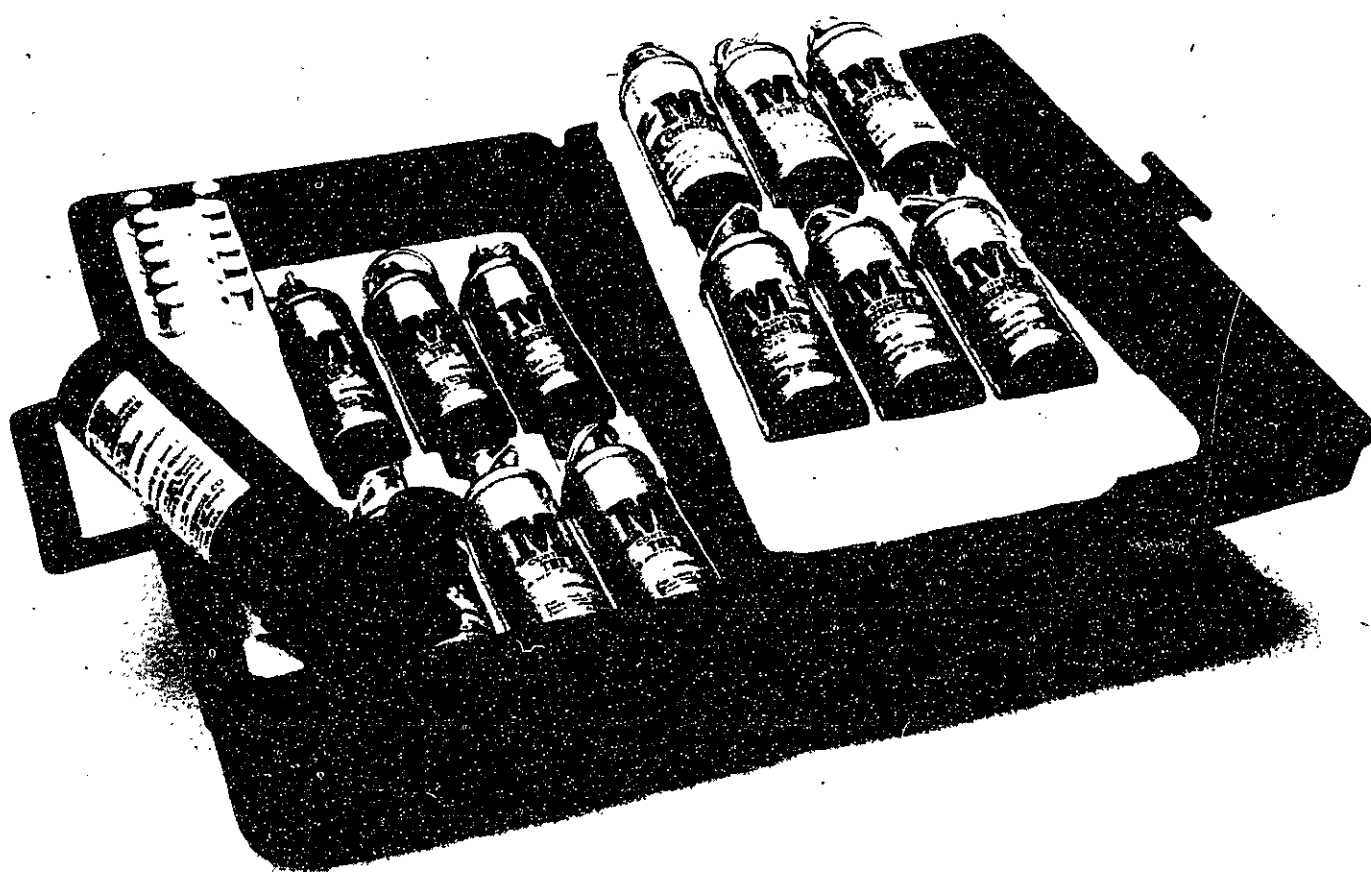
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## Parents' Weekend today

By Wendy Ero

President Howard Johnson will kick off Parents Weekend tomorrow morning with a 9:30 address in Kresge.

The weekend begins tonight when the parents register in the Student Center.

Johnson's speech will be followed by five seminars at 10:15. After a luncheon, each department will have displays and coffee hours. The evening will close with a dinner banquet, and Professors Lettvin, Rosenblith, and Zacharias will speak afterwards. All students are welcome to attend and participate in any or all of the day's activities.

One of the seminars, "Defense and the University" will be in 10-250. Its participants will be William Denhard, Vice-Presi-

dent A.G. Hill, Marvin Sirbu, and Provost Jerome Weisner. Panelists on "The Interaction of Technology and Society" are M.S. Baram, Prof. A.J. Eggers, Steve Kaiser, and Prof. Philip Morrison. It will be in 54-100. In 26-100, Prof. Kenneth Hoffman, Charlie Mann, Dean Dan Nyhart, Prof. Judah Schwartz, and Prof. Campell Searle will discuss "Disent and Reform in the Educational Environment."

"Urban Affairs at MIT" will be considered in 9-150. Bob Dennis, and Professors Jay Forrester, Richard DeNeufville, and Lloyd Rodwin will be taking up the matter. The last seminar will be held in Kresge Little Theater. Prof. David Marks, James Patell, and Prof. David Wilson will examine "Pollution and Ecology."

All the seminars will follow the format of opening remarks, discussion among panelists, then discussion with the audience.

One of the more interesting presentations in the afternoon will be "The Crab In Many Colors" in 26-100 at 3 pm. It is an outgrowth of the Crab Nebula seminar. At 2:00 pm in 54-100 there will be a show about "Lunar Research and Exploration."

Many departments will be opening up their labs for people to tour. Perhaps the best known lab is Doc Edgerton's Strobe Lab. Many other student project labs will have exhibits.

Tours will include the Nuclear Engineering Center, National Magnet Lab, Information Processing Services and Educational Research Center, among other places. At all of these, staff will tour with the groups, and explain what goes on within that area of the institute. Many of the tours will be of interest to students even if their parents are not here.

The departmental activities of Saturday afternoon will be of particular interest to freshmen and undesignated sophomores, because they will have a chance to look at a department outside of the classroom context. For further details check in the East Lounge of the Student Center Friday evening, or Saturday morning.

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# Accountability vs power

The Tech strongly condemns President Nixon's recent decision to send advisors and arms aid into Cambodia.

A widening of the Indochinese war by American troops is as short-sighted today as it was when the United States began sending troops and aerial support to South Vietnam in 1961.

However, Cambodia's case is perhaps still more unfortunate because of evidence that the U.S. is again supporting a military government which has neither been able to gain the allegiance of the populace nor govern effectively.

It is also unfortunate that our government is now opposing the reinstatement of a popular leader, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who successfully maintained a balance between East and West for over a decade. American opposition to Sihanouk's return bid will only intensify the hostility felt by many Cambodians toward the U.S. after the Prince was overthrown. In addition, suspicion that the CIA instigated the coup to aid the prosecution of the Vietnam war is already widespread, and the mounting of large-scale combat operations into Cambodia will only reinforce it.

The government of General (now Premier) Lon Nol threw its chestnuts into the fire; this country is under no compulsion to pull them out. U.S.

intervention to aid the small, thoroughly outclassed Cambodian Army is too little, and far too late to reverse the situation. And even aside from totally pragmatic considerations of feasibility, the U.S. has no right to enter Cambodia, which is not a member of SEATO, and has not requested that we send advisors.

Also disturbing is Nixon's snub of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Just a few days ago, the Committee presented a united, bi-partisan front against Nixon's plan to send large amounts of arms to Cambodia. Now by executive fiat he has sent air support and advisors into Cambodia with the invading South Vietnamese. He has further involved the U.S. in a widening war from which we are ostensibly withdrawing. Although Lyndon Johnson attempted to gain a semblance to legality for the Vietnam war through the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, Nison has disregarded even this legal nicety by totally ignoring the intent of Congress. His actions reveal a hopelessly myopic vision of the role of Congress and America's interests.

Our interests will be severely hurt, not aided, by this most unfortunate and intemperate intervention. We should attempt to make the best of a rapidly deteriorating situation. Sending troops and arms to Cambodia now is definitely not the way.

# Letters to The Tech

## Policy on recruiters

To the Editor:

In the April 28, 1970 edition of *The Tech*, there appeared a letter from a group of Faculty and Staff, as well as Graduate Students, which states,

"The MIT administration has also acted against the interests of workers by allowing GE representatives to recruit on campus during the recent GE strike. Some of the students who demonstrated against this recruiter were subsequently punished and expelled."

These individuals should know that the policies of the Placement Office have nothing to do with the administration, but are actually set by the Faculty Advisory Committee on Placement. There is no present policy to deny recruitment privileges to industries whose workers happen to be on strike the date of the student interviews at MIT. If the signers of the letter wish to recommend such a new policy to the faculty committee, they are free to do so at any time.

Irwin W. Sizer  
Dean

## Fraternity Radicals

Brothers and Sisters,

The Fraternity Radical Caucus is a group of fraternity and ex-fraternity men who have joined together under a common perception of problems. We are unsatisfied with many aspects of the life-styles that exist in our individual houses, and we are unsatisfied with the claim of political neutrality and the elitist image foisted upon us by the IFC.

Our goals may be defined in two very general areas: 1) encouraging change of lifestyles within each house, and 2) consolidating bases of support in each house for larger-scale political activity.

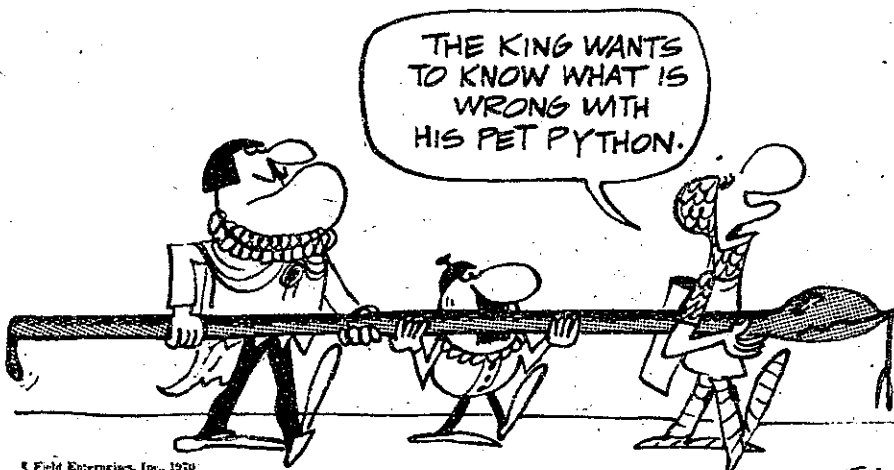
In the area of internal change of individual houses the Caucus recognizes that the people who live in a particular house are best able to work for change there. As a group we serve as a forum for exchange of ideas about meaningful alternatives to present fraternity lifestyles, and we will support our brothers from a particular house when they ask us for help in working inside their house. The specific problems of the fraternity system we will deal with include: the de-

meaning rush system which is supported and furthered by the IFC, pledge-training policies which create artificial barriers between people and place people in subservient positions, restrictions of national fraternity organizations which prohibit coed living, promote racism, and impose irrelevant, ritualistic types of behavior which encourage elitism and isolation from the larger community. As a group we will confront those organizations which perpetuate these conditions.

Furthermore, we recognize that many politically conscious people exist in fraternities and to a great extent are isolated and cannot meaningfully participate in political action. We therefore hope to locate such people so that we may join together to most effectively deal with the political situation in the larger community. There is great value in participating in such action with a group of people with whom you are very close and thus we recognize the importance of making the base of our organization the groups of politically conscious people who live together in fraternity houses. Such groups can most effectively provide a means of interaction by which individuals can clarify and develop political thought. The role of the Caucus is a coming together of people from the house-based groups so that a coherent framework of political may be formed. It is basic to our organization that everyone who participates in and is affected by our actions should equally share in determining those actions and decide upon what level he will participate.

Due to the great amount of fraternity chauvinism and elitism that has existed on this campus,

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we were hesitant to include the word "Fraternity" in the name of our organization since one of our major goals is to eliminate the artificial barriers between people the IFC has imposed here. However, we feel it important to convey the idea that there are a group of people, who happen to live in MIT fraternities, who are beginning to move to create alternatives whereby their relationships with people and their relationships to the political environment is not restricted by an outdated, elitist institution.

Peace and Power  
Fraternity Radical Caucus

## Sierra Club

To the Editor:

I question what may be a misdirection of the efforts of Sierra Club Eastern New England Group concerning the preservation of Boston Harbor.

There are many proposals for the utilization of Boston Harbor: MIT study, Boston Redevelopment Authority, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Expo, City of Boston. All of these proposals, involving huge amounts of money, promote extensive construction and alteration of the natural geographic setting, ie, extensive filling, commercial exploitation and development.

Filling of shore areas is proceeding now at a frenzied pace: Bird Island Flats - Logan Airport expansion; Neponset River, marshes and wetlands; extensive filling proposed for Quincy Bay and Dorchester Bay, and the joining of islands therein. There's not much left of Deer Island Flats, Governor's Island Flats, Old Harbor (look at old Harbor charts).

However, one proposal, the

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# Whither student power?

By Randy Hawthorne

Student power is a common phrase these days. It is used by radical students as a justification for their participation on faculty committees. It is used by members of student governments as a justification for their very existence as an organization. It appears that most students want student power - but there is never enough power to satisfy anyone.

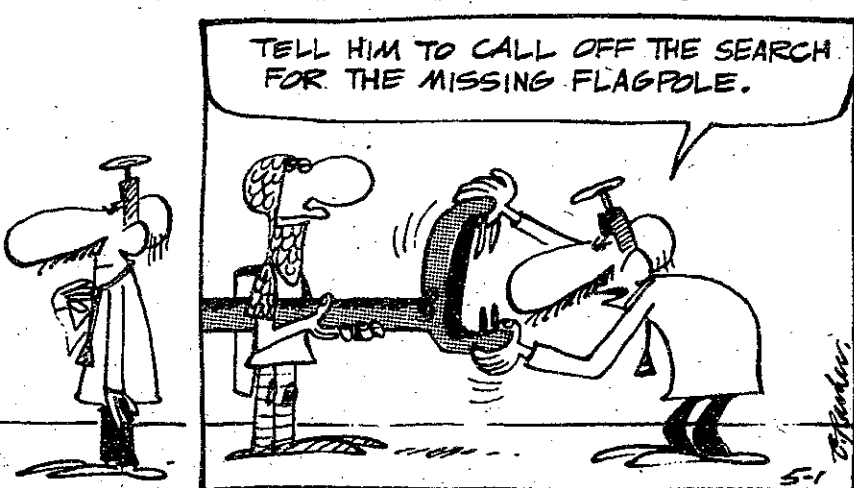
Power is the ability to control others; it is the ability to control one's situation and the environment one finds himself in. Implicit in the wielding of power is the confidence that "my way is right." Requisite in the rational wielding of power is a commitment of time to thoroughly investigate and analyze the situation which requires action. The amount of time necessary to make responsible decisions while

sitting on the CEP is significant and limits time spent on academic and personal pursuits. It is clear there will always be students anxious to do this, and it can be said that these students have power because of their position, but student power should be shared equally by all students - not a handful of representatives (ignoring the argument that they aren't representative), if this power exists at all.

A representative decision-making process is one basis for student power. Participatory democracy is an even better basis. Everyone, students, faculty, staff, and anyone else in the "MIT Community" should be represented and have an equal share of the power. And why not? The United States is intended to be a representative democracy. The town meeting

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by Brant parker and Johnny hart



The Wizard of Id appears daily and Sunday in the Boston Herald Traveler.



## Letters...

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Dorchester Bay-Boston Harbor and Islands Project (known as "Save Our Shores") proposes to reclaim and restore Boston Harbor, maintaining a natural geographic setting as a primary goal. I understand that in October, 1969, Michael McCloskey, Conservation Director, Sierra Club, San Francisco, urged that Sierra

New England support the SOS Project by issuing an appropriate press release. Sierra New England refused.

I ask the members of Sierra New England: Are your efforts serving to protect our harbor, or are you being misled into carrying the developers' shovel to our shores? John A. Salkowski  
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## University = democracy?

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and participatory democracy have existed for years. But, can we expect all students to spend part of their time considering the issue of the D-Labs? Must we all worry about MIT's 300,000 shares of GM? A university's functions in many ways are dissimilar to those of our public government's functions. Why then must we govern our university by a representative process? Why participatory democracy?

Kingman Brewster Jr., President of Yale, wrote "the majority is not sufficiently interested in devoting their time and attention to the running of the university to make it likely that 'participatory' democracy will be truly democratic." With this in mind, why should I trust Randy Hawthorne to use his power in my best interests? Why should his decision be any better than mine? or that of a paid administrator?

Student power does not exist at MIT today and it didn't exist yesterday. When students sit on committees, or when students demonstrate against MIRV, they are trying to influence a decision that is not within their power to make. They are students who are

concerned with events which affect them and they are trying to make their opinions heard - and eventually they are heard. What is needed is to continue to provide for these avenues through which students may be heard. The students who are willing to spend their time in a continuous effort to influence decisions are needed.

An alternative to the idea of a representative or a participatory democracy is presented by Kingman Brewster as administrative accountability. This requires the forsaking of the necessity of student power in the decision-making process, and transfers this concept of power to the role of review. Quite simply, the person who makes the decision is held accountable for that decision and must submit both himself and his decision to review.

The three essentials to this concept are: disclosure and openness of deliberation, right of effective petition, and a regular process of reappraisal of the competence of the groups making decisions (largely the administration). The first point requires an access to information which still does not exist at the moment. Total openness allows

anyone, including those students who will always clamor for power, to review decisions for himself. If he finds himself disenchanted with a decision his recourse is the right of petition. This again must be processed in full view of all concerned and must be more than a rehash of earlier deliberations. Failing that, a process which is empowered to remove an individual or group from the decision process must be evolved. This should not take the form of character assassinations, but should be a review of a man's decisions and how they were accepted by those affected by them. This is the same basis that requires the Senate to review nominations to the Supreme Court, and, as we have just seen, the process can be made to work.

Perhaps it is time to forget the rather shortsighted view we now hold of the necessity of student power (and faculty power, and committee power...) and to look towards a process which would not involve students, faculty, and administrators all independently reviewing a decision which only one group has the power to make.

## New Pa. law perils grants

in court asking for the nullification of the law. Although Harvard, MIT, and other schools will support the case, they will not take an active part in it, as it is thought the in-state schools will have the greatest chance of success. Johnson also said that a Pennsylvania student not receiving aid would have a better chance contesting the law than MIT itself, since he could claim the law violated his constitutional rights.

however, as all three schools directly involved in the litigation are dependent upon heavy aid grants from the state, in addition to scholarship and loan aid, a threatened cutoff may produce especially great pressure to comply.

So far this year about 1100 schools have signed the compliance agreement. It must be reaffirmed annually, so MIT would sign if the legislature removed the objectionable clauses, according to Johnson.

**Deadline extended**

The original deadline for signing the agreement was April 1,

but MIT and Harvard were able to get one month extensions so that they might consider the issues in greater depth with Pennsylvania students receiving state scholarships.

The law states that students may use Pennsylvania scholar-

ship funds only at schools which have signed a statement pledging to report to the state the names of all Pennsylvania students disciplined internally for disruptive activities or convicted or disrupting the functions of the school.

## Nizer blames liberals for right-wing trends

By Bruce Peetz

New York attorney Louis Nizer defended the U.S. judicial system yesterday while speaking as a guest of the Educational Research Center.

Nizer claimed the liberals in this country are responsible for far right trends in government. "Liberals," he said, "have defaulted against injustice to allow people with suppressive ideas to take hold." Nizer claimed that Joe McCarthy would never have taken hold if the liberals had at that time denounced the communists as foreign-based fifth columnists.

Referring to Yale president Kingman Brewster's statement that the Black Panthers could not get a fair trial anywhere in the country, Nizer said, "It should have been the ACLU to attack this statement, but it was Spiro T. Agnew who first spoke out." He felt the effect of Brewster's statement would create such an air of hostility that a fair trial could not take place. Taking issue with Nizer on this point, ACLU lawyer Gary Berlin said that the attention given the case increased the likelihood of a fair trial.

Berlin attacked the praise Nizer had for the present judicial system by citing examples of undercovermen in television crews, wiretapping, mishandling of defendants by U.S. Marshalls, and indignities imposed by the judge in various cases.

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# Expert shoots down UFO's

"I suppose I could safely say they've gone away, and sit down—but the truth is they never existed" was Professor Donald H. Menzel's answer to the question "Where are the flying saucers?"

Menzel, a noted astronomer and expert on the many phenomena which have been interpreted as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's), put the recently-ended flying saucer craze in historical perspective at Tuesday's Lincoln Laboratory Seminar.

Menzel explained that through the ages men have created myths to explain natural phenomena which they did not understand. The flying saucer is nothing more than a "modern myth", he said, which was created by uninformed observers and encouraged by journalistic sensationalism.

He mentioned a similar flying-saucer sensation which started in 1897 and lasted for over a year—only back then the saucers were called "flying machines." The first sighting was in Oakland, California, where a cigar-shaped object was seen moving in the sky at terrific speeds—at least 60 mph.

Sightings were then reported further east—as the craze spread east, the thing appeared to be moving east with it. When extrapolated, the reports indicated that the "flying machine"—was headed for New York City. Just before it got there, however, Thomas Edison said in the newspapers that "there is no such machine—if there were, I would have invented it." The reported sightings then ended abruptly, Menzel said.

Menzel mentioned a number of meteorological, astronomical, and physiological phenomena which can combine to create illusions of flying objects. Since the last craze began in 1947, he has personally found explanations for many of the reported sightings.

Ice crystals suspended in the air can reflect sun in strange ways, he noted. These reflections can be visible both above and below the crystals, and can thus account for both aerial and ground-based observations. He showed an example in a slide taken from an airplane on a clear day.

Menzel mentioned another example of ice-crystal reflection in which he had seen "a wheel within a wheel," with both of them appearing to turn. He believes this is the same phenomenon mentioned by Ezekiel in the Bible.

One of the most sensational incidents in the flying-saucer craze occurred over Tennessee and Kentucky in 1948, when an Air Force Captain in a light plane chased a reported UFO. He reported by radio that he had sighted the object and was climbing to attempt to approach it. That was the last that was heard from him—the wreckage of his plane was found shortly afterwards.

Menzel explained that what the man had seen was a large high-altitude balloon of the "Skyhook" type which was flown by the Navy as part of a secret research program. The Air Force had therefore not known of its existence. Since the balloon was probably flying at altitudes approaching 100,000 feet, the light plane could not have hoped to approach it, and the pilot probably blacked out from flying too high without pressurization.

Glowing discharges from high-voltage power lines and aircraft reflecting sunlight have accounted for many of the reports.

When a satellite burned up on re-entry a few years ago, hundreds of people reported it as a flying saucer. One woman, Menzel said, even reported seeing windows in the thing with people looking out.

The good publicity which was received by the sightings and by the now-famous Air Force study of the sightings, contributed to the craze, Menzel said. "The point that is relevant is that if you want to see flying saucers, you can easily do so."

The matter was further complicated by the large number of hoaxes. "Everyone wanted to get into the act—throwing a straw hat or a garbage can lid into the wind and taking a picture of it."

Even honest observers were

moving. Stars can therefore appear to move, particularly when only one is visible. He added that "we will probably begin to get a few reports now that the planet Venus is getting into a nice position." (If a light cloud layer is moving across the earth, it can also make stars behind it appear to move, Menzel added.)

The craze began in 1947, when a private pilot saw what appeared to be ten saucer-like objects flying in formation, Menzel said. "Then people started looking for them and they found them, and the flying saucer craze was on."

The Air Force became interested, he said, because "they thought this was something coming over this country from the USSR." They particularly suspected high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft. Menzel added that "they were not prepared for the deluge" of reports they received.

The Air Force frequently consulted Menzel. "They have sent me some of their toughest cases, and I've been able to solve practically all of them," he remarked. The Air Force study was only recently concluded, and all material collected is now in a library. It is not available to the public, however.

Menzel's work on UFO's brought him a great deal of publicity. He said that over the years he has received an average of 100 letters a month on the subject, most of them from schoolchildren. He added that he had answered every one of them. Since a report by a group at the University of Colorado was published recently, however, he has received only "two or three letters a month" that dealt with

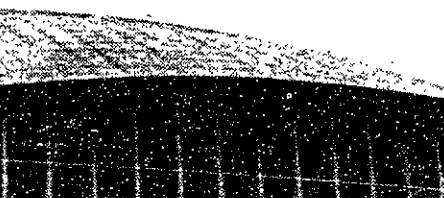
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often confused by perceptive shortcomings that they did not understand. One man reported a large red object that darted about the sky. Upon questioning, however, it was learned that he had seen it from his bathroom window just after he had turned out the light. What he had seen was the after image of the light bulb.

Another physiological phenomenon which has frequently contributed to UFO sightings, Menzel said, is autokinesis. If one is in a darkened room where the only light present is a weak point source, he can easily get the illusion that the point is

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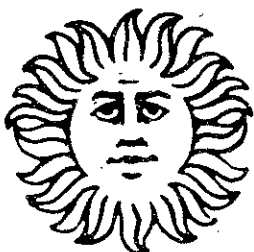


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## MENZEL CALLS SOME DC UFO'S "ONLY HOT AIR."

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UFO's. The Colorado study had found no basis whatsoever for the widespread belief in flying saucers.

Many UFO reports can be rather difficult to explain. In the summer of 1952 there were many radar UFO's appearing over Washington National Airport. On a least one occasion, the airport was closed and Air Force planes were sent up to investigate. Menzel explained that the spurious radar "blips" were caused by what he called "anomalous propagation" caused by temperature inversions.

"It was just bubbles of hot air over Washington — and I don't think anyone should be surprised to find hot air over Washington!"

## RALLY SHIFTS TO DOWNTOWN SITE

(Continued from page 1)

Chorover asked permission for a delegation to speak to the Governor. They were greeted by Representative James Shea of Newton, sponsor of the bill they had come to speak about.

Shea addressed the crowd, denouncing the U.S. move into Cambodia and the intensification of operations in Laos, and stating that "Now is the time for all elected officials to uphold the Constitution." He charged President Nixon with flagrant violation of his constitutional powers, calling recent foreign policy a matter of "unilateral executive adventurism."

The group received an unexpected surprise when Governor Sargent elected to meet them on the steps outside. "I was appalled as you were by the news this morning," he began, and said that he would be waiting to hear Nixon attempt to justify himself on television in his speech carried nationwide last night.

Asked about the possible application of the Shea Bill, Sargent said that the bill he recently signed "asks a question that should be asked, and a question that should be answered," adding that it would seem to be even more applicable at the present time to Cambodia than Vietnam. He concluded by announcing his intention of preparing a press statement for release today.

The crowd dispersed after Shea promised Luria that he would attend a similar mass meeting today at 1 pm in front of the Student Center.

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# Ruggers take second loss from Holy Cross

The MIT rugby team traveled to Worcester Saturday to play Holy Cross, one of the eight best teams in the East according to the Schaefer Beer company, and who should know rugby teams better than a beer company. Anyway, the results did not constitute a disproof as Holy Cross captured a hard-earned 8-3 win. Tech's B team lost to Holy Cross B 11-3.

Earlier that week the already

## STICKMEN SPLIT; RECORD NOW 4-4

The varsity lacrosse team evened its record at 4-4 last Saturday by downing Bowdoin, 10-4, only to fall at the hands of the University of New Hampshire, 12-5, on Wednesday afternoon.

Despite the fact that Bowdoin took ten more shots, our shooters were far more accurate. Most of the opposing shots were from the outside and not on goal. While this tactic made it possible to keep the ball in the MIT end, it failed when our stickmen got their hands on the ball, as they were successfully clearing the ball from the defensive end most of the day.

Because Bowdoin had out-shot us in the first half, they were still in the game at half-time, but trailing, 5-2. If anything at all, we were shooting well in the third quarter, as leading scorer Steve Cochi got three goals on five shots. Tony Reish added another to put the game out of reach, as the defense held the opposition scoreless. Cochi again led our scorers with four goals and one assist followed by Ken Lord with three goals and one assist, Tony Reish and Dave Peterson with one and one, and Bob Vegler with a single tally.

Wednesday's game was the exact opposite of the victory over Bowdoin. The stickmen seemed to have lost their sharpness, and were not playing as a team. One bright spot was the continuation of Steve Cochi's goal scoring streak to nine games, as he scored two goals and two assists. Other scorers were Ken Lord with one goal and one assist, and John Vliet and Stu Frost with a goal apiece.

injury-torn ruggers had discovered that their captain, Bill Thilly, was lost for the rest of the season due to a recurrence of his knee injury. This made a total of four of the first fifteen who were out for the Holy Cross game. The game's setting was quite picturesque - the summit of a hill closely ringed (3 feet) with telephone poles. The first factor led to strong winds sweeping across the field, but the poles made little difference since only one player ran into them and the pole was undamaged.

The play itself was exciting. As usual Tech's squads were outsized, but unlike the last two games, the ruggers spent much more time on the attack against Cross. Tech's pack won most of the scrums and their share of rucks and line-outs. This resulted in the backs getting much more action, which they took advantage of. Tech scored first with a penalty kick by Juris Apse; they had been playing with the wind and threatening often, but the continued absence of kicker Ed Walker hurt as several earlier kicks had gone astray. This was the only scoring of the first half as spectacular kicking by Holy Cross continually put Tech out of range.

In the second half the wind advantage went to Holy Cross, making their kicking even more effective. After ten minutes of play, a kick rolled out of bounds inside the 10. Cross won the scrum and their backs attempted to run it in. Dave McQueen, however, put a fantastic tackle into the ball carrier just before the goal line, knocking the ball loose. As the loose ruck tumbled the ball trickled to the goal line where a Cross forward downed it for the try. The successful conversion gave them a 5-3 lead. Not much later, Cross was threatening again when Tech was called for a penalty. The kick was good and the score was 8-3. The rest of the game was scoreless despite some good running by the backs which didn't quite break loose. Centers John Riley and McQueen especially looked good.

Despite the unhappy result, Tech looked much better this week. Hopefully, the cohesion that made them a winner last year is returning in time for the New England championships in two weeks.

# Tech sluggers thump BU

By Steve Goldstein

One of the keys to having a good team in any sport is team spirit. The spirit behind the MIT baseball team took a shellacking as the team lost games to Harvard, Boston College and Tufts; but last Tuesday on Briggs Field, behind some of the best baseball of the season, the team spirit was rejuvenated to the tune of a big 7-3 victory over Boston University.

The game started as had the last three with BU scoring two runs without a solid hit. After the leadoff batter struck out on three pitches, the next two BU batters walked. The next batter then lifted a pop fly over second, which got by right fielder Tom Pipal when he attempted a shoe-string catch, and BU had a 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the second MIT pulled off a similar feat by scoring a run without a hit. Bob Dresser led off the inning with a walk and was sacrificed to second by Bruce Alborn. Tom Pipal then hit a grounder which went through the shortstop's legs and Dresser scored. Tech tied it up in the bottom of the fourth on a single by Dom Camardella, a walk by Pipal and a big RBI single by Ken Weisshaar.

The turning point of the game came in the sixth, as Tech finally came up with the hits when they needed them. John Compton and Ken Weisshaar opened up the inning with walks, bringing up Captain Bruce Wheeler. Wheeler belted the first pitch into left scoring Compton, and MIT led 3-2.

Al Dopfel '72 went the distance for MIT as he notched his first victory against no defeats, while striking out eight. Tech's record is now 6 wins and 4 defeats, with a 2 wins, 3 losses record in the Greater Boston League. This Saturday Coast Guard invades MIT for a double-header, with the first game starting at 1 pm.



Al Dopfel '72 prepares to fire en route to an eight strikeout, complete game victory over BU on Wednesday.

Photo by Alfred I. Anderson

## Tough Crimson squad dumps linksters 6-1

By John Light

The slumping MIT golf team lost their 5th match in seven tries Tuesday, as Harvard topped the linksters 6-1.

The only winner for the Tech team was co-captain Ken Smolek '70. Playing in the second position, Smolek took the lead in the match with a par 4 on the tough second hole at Concord CC. After some see-saw play, he still had his one shot lead after the 6th. The next seven holes were halved before Smolek won the 14th. A birdie 4 on the 16th hole gave him the match.

The most exciting match of the day was at number 6. Bob Armstrong '71 had 38 on the first nine, but it left him 2 down, as his opponent sank some long putts. With only 5 holes left, Armstrong was 3 down, but he won 3 of the next four holes to pull even at the 17th. Armstrong's nine iron second at 18 left him 6 feet from the hole, while his opponent was off the edge of the green, some 45 feet away. But the Harvard putt stopped at the lip, then dropped, while the MIT putt just

stopped. Armstrong's 76 only netted him a close loss.

The golfers did not score badly, they just did not score well enough. Andy Smith '72 with 76 and Mark Davies '72 with an 82 both lost 2-1. John Light '70 with 78, Don Anderson '70 with 80, and Gregg Erickson '70, all were eliminated after 14 holes.

The JV golfers split two matches during the week. On Monday they defeated St. Sebastian's 6-1, but on Tuesday they lost to Harvard by an identical score. Don Rogal '72 led the team with a 9-hole score of 36 on Monday, crushing his opponent. On Tuesday, Rogal and Rob Keeth '73 had 80's.

## LCA defeats PBE for third squash title in row

By Jon Fricker

For the second year in a row, Lambda Chi Alpha turned back a bid by Phi Beta Epsilon and retained the IM squash championship. It was LCA's third consecutive title.

On April 15th and 16th, in a battle between the only remaining unbeaten teams in the tournament, PBE edged LCA 2-1 to clinch a spot in the finals. The defeat forced LCA into the losers bracket final where they turned back SAE, 2-1, to clinch the other final berth.

LCA then had to beat PBE twice, and on Sunday, they completed the first step towards that goal as Mike Oliver G stopped Gene Thorner '71 in 3 games. The Wednesday before, the teams had split their number 2 and number 3 matches. Aldo Reti G of PBE had defeated Phil Henshaw G in a repeat of their first 5-game match, but LCA's John Bunce '71 had countered with a 3-1 win over Pete Cooper '70.

On Monday evening the teams squared off again for the trophy. At number 1, Oliver won his 10th straight match this year, this time over Reti, 15-3, 15-6, 15-12. The decisive match turned out to be a remarkable repeat of last year's showdown. The contestants were the same, as were the results. Henshaw's 15-11, 15-6, 15-11 win over Thorner clinched LCA's third squash trophy in as many years

and completed a highly contested and well-played tournament.

PBE leads rifle qualifiers

With the memory of recent second-place finishes in squash and volleyball to spur them on, PBE's rifle team led the field in the qualifying round. Defending champion Senior House was a close second in the qualifying. The finals ran Tuesday through Thursday. Senior House was leading late Wednesday with PBE and several other teams still waiting to shoot.

# Racquetmen drop thriller

By Pocahontas

The mighty men from MIT lost a tear-jerker to Dartmouth Wednesday afternoon on the DuPont courts before thousands of screaming, sweating MIT fans.

The tense match went to the wire as the second doubles match extended into the night, but eventually a great sigh of despair arose from the stands as the Tech twosome wearily watched the ball lapped up for the last time by the hungry net at court number 2.

The singles competition ended in a 3-3 deadlock. Old reliable Bob McKinley '70 was defeated by a much-improved Jeff Dyer (6-1, 6-3), but captain Manny Weiss '70 came through with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Williams. Joe Baron '70, creditably enough, played his quickest match of the season, bowing to Jack McKernan (6-0, 6-0). Fans witnessed the most exciting of the singles matches on courts 4 and 5, where Steve Cross '71 and Scudder Smith '70 staged come-from-behind, third set victories

over Steve Deatherage and Jim Patterson, respectively. Their brilliant play, unfortunately, was not to be duplicated in the waning moments of their doubles match. Jim "Twinkletoes" Bricker '70 started strong, but Ed Crunch overcame him (0-6, 6-2, 6-2).

McKinley-Weiss, one of New England's most vicious doubles teams, systematically trounced Dyer-McKernan (6-3, 6-4), but at third doubles Bricker-Greg Withers '72 were defeated (6-0, 6-0) by their illustrious opponents. The culmination of the match came in second doubles; valiant comeback attempts by Smith-Cross were thwarted by the Dartmouth players in the second and third sets, and the team crumbled (3-6, 7-5, 7-5) in the decisive battle. Needless to say, the match in itself was a breathtaking spectacle. Luckily, no heart attacks were incurred by those witnessing the minor tragedy. In any case, the racquetmen will be more than ready to cream Trinity this Saturday.



Bob McKinley '70 hits one of his devastating serves in match against Dartmouth.

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